

Canada is a shareholder and board member of international organizations such as World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and regional development banks. A significant portion of Canada's international assistance is delivered through these banks. This allows Canada to benefit from the banks' strong technical and financial expertise, interventions at scale, and experience of working in disparate global contexts closely aligned to Canada's priority themes. In efforts to improve their effectiveness, Canada continues to promote greater capital efficiency and strengthening their work together as a system.

## CANADA'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

Canada has been active at the UN since it was founded in 1945. Today, Canada continues to uphold and support the bodies and organizations of the UN system by:

- actively engaging in political and technical debates;
- contributing to governance and agenda setting; and
- providing financial support via assessed and voluntary contributions.

Canada provides long-term institutional support to UN organizations such as:

- the United Nations Development Programme;
- the United Nations Children's Fund;
- the United Nations Population Fund;
- the United Nations Refugee Agency;
- the United Nations World Food Programme;
- the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS;
- the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; and
- UN Women.

In 2017-2018, Canada's long-term institutional support to UN system organizations totalled \$293.8 million. These contributions support the organizations' core operations, including efforts to reduce poverty, promote sustainable development and foster inclusion, gender equality and women's empowerment. More specifically, Canada's support helps these organizations to advance key shared priorities in line with the Feminist International Assistance Policy, including the goal to accelerate global progress in gender equality and the empowerment of women. Among key shared priorities are activities focused on promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights, including maternal health, and efforts to diminish child, early and forced marriage.



## VOLUNTEER COOPERATION PROGRAM

Through the Volunteer Cooperation Program, Canada supports Canadian organizations in sending highly skilled and qualified volunteers to developing countries to work with local partners. The following are testimonials from volunteers who benefited from the program in 2017-2018.

"My Story is a compilation of stories from all the rural women leaders with whom I have worked closely with to defend their rights and make their voices heard in a historic moment for this country: the peace agreement between the Government and The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia after more than 50 years of war. This experience has changed my life and my career significantly, reminding me that one cannot turn a blind eye to all the mountains of inequality that women in developing countries seek to overcome with great courage."

—Ailin Torrado Florez / Oxfam-Québec

"The support of the Canadian government and local community groups in Honduras is allowing us to go to different parts of the country, set up more dispensaries and train local health care workers, women's groups and other volunteers to use and dispense low-cost remedies. The goal of this program is to develop efficiently run clinics in as many communities as possible."

—Connie Tyrrel / Terre Sans Frontières

